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Sustainable marina upgrade and expansion focus for ICMS at METSTRADE

At this year's METSTRADE (15-17 November 2023), Inland and Coastal Marina Systems (ICMS) will be shining a spotlight on its product ranges that focus on upgrading and expanding marina facilities in a sustainable manner as the demand for safe, stable, and comfortable berthing increases.

The pontoon and water access specialist will be showcasing its renowned floating concrete breakwater units whose strength and wave attenuation capabilities offer exposure protection, and secure superyacht berthing, in harbours and marinas around the globe.

"Specifically designed to reduce waves in exposed coastal areas, our floating concrete breakwaters are an economical and effective option for marina and harbour operators wishing to expand their marinas," says Oliver Shortall, Managing Director at ICMS.

"Combining high strength and flexibility, our breakwaters have the added bonus of being able to double up as berthing for heavier displacement boats and superyachts which require a larger more robust mooring."

Creating a fresh new look and feel for an established marina, ICMS will also be showcasing its GRC (glassfibre reinforced concrete) decking.

Oliver continues: "Marina pontoon decking has traditionally been made of wood, and although it offers an attractive finish it can be very slippery when wet and rots, significantly increasing maintenance costs while decreasing the longevity of the marina system.

"Not only does our GRC decking not rot, but it also has fantastic anti-slip properties. The colour and texture of the decking can be altered to suit, offering the classic hardwood timber yacht marina aesthetic or a lighter, brighter continental look.

"Combining the strength of concrete with the slenderness of timber, our timber effect GRC decking is the future for creating modern, sustainable marinas."

In addition, ICMS will be highlighting its partnership with Living Seawalls, displaying a selection of the programme's three-dimensional tile-like concrete habitat panels.

Designed to add texture, shape and form to flat ocean facing structures to increase biodiversity, ICMS is manufacturing the concrete habitat panels at its facility in Banagher, Ireland using the waste material from the production process of its floating concrete breakwaters and pontoons.

“This new partnership with Living Seawalls is part of our ongoing drive to minimise the impact of our business and the products we produce on the environment,” adds Oliver.

“We're delighted to be presenting Living Seawalls' innovative modular panels at METS, offering marina operators and harbour masters a new way to support the marine environment, help revive foreshore and intertidal habitats, and breathe life back into the oceans.

“Living Seawalls currently has 10 habitat panel designs, each targeting different features of natural shorelines. The modular design allows the Living Seawalls to be tailored to each site, whether they're part of the design for a new marina, or to be retrofitted to an existing quay wall or other artificial structure.”

The team at ICMS will be available throughout the three-day show to discuss its full range of pontoons, decking options, and accessories, all designed to offer marinas and yacht harbours safe, stable, and non-slip water access.

To discover how to upgrade, expand, or extend the life of your marina in a sustainable way, visit ICMS on stand 05.704 at METSTRADE.

To find out more about Inland and Coastal's pontoon ranges and unique decking options visit <https://inlandandcoastal.com> or email sales@inlandandcoastal.com

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- Inland and Coastal Marina Systems specialise in the design, manufacture and installation of marinas.
- Inland and Coastal Marina Systems is the official UK SeaBin supplier.
- Clients include local and regional Government, Port and Fishery Authorities, Marina Operators, Sports and Recreational Clubs, Development Consortiums, Consulting Engineers, Architects and Main Contractors.



- Inland and Coastal Marina Systems work internationally and have three offices; Banagher in Ireland, Lossiemouth in Scotland and Southampton, England.
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